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### THE SNOW FAIRY

BY MIRIAM BERKMAN

The story we print below is contributed by Miss Miriam Berkman, a pupil of the Middletown Public Schools.

Once there was a king who had one child, a beautiful daughter about ten years old. The queen mother was dead and the child, having no playmates, was very lonely, so her father decided to marry again. The woman he married might have been taken for a fairy, so beautiful was she. Her hair was of the loveliest gold, which shone and glistened when the light feel on it. Her eyes were of a beautiful pansy shade, so beautiful that they rivaled the pansies that nestled in cool shady beds in the woods. She was beautiful but wicked, so wicked that sometimes the wickedness shone through her eyes and made her really ugly.

The new queen had two daughters, one was very pretty for she resembled her mother; being the exact minature of her mother, wickedness included. The other was ugly. Her hair was red and stringy; her eyes had a washed out appearance and were of the palest blue. She had a freckled face and a nose that was decidedly pug, but she was very good and her good nature made her lovable for all her awkwardness.

When the new queen came she asked to see her new child. Little Violet was brought before her. The queen's eyes took in the graceful little figure, the haughty toss of the little head crowned with its mass of jet black curls, the clear, truthful, brown eyes, the curve of the sweet, red lips, and there sprang up in her heart a fear that the beautiful Violet would be more beautiful than she and more lovable than her own child, Christy. From that moment there was a deadly hatred for Violet in her heart.

Before the queen's coming Violet ruled as only a loved princess can rule. Her every wish had been granted. Though the queen said nothing she vowed that she would hide Violet from the eyes of the world, so that she and Christy might be loved. She cared not for the ugly child, Speckle.

Meanwhile, time went on and Violet's life became almost unbearable. She was kicked, hit and treated like a slave by the queen and Christy. Her father treated her kindly for he loved her much more dearly than he did his stepdaughters, though he dared not show her any partiality for fear of the queen.

One day the queen sent for Violet saying she wanted her to do a little favor for her. Violet went willingly, for she felt no ill will toward her stepmother. When she entered the room the queen said "Will you do something for me?" The answer was "yes." "Well, follow me and I will tell you what to do." The queen went stealthily through the back way, Violet followed in wonder. They left the castle and walked for a long distance. At last they reached a high iron tower. The queen entered, followed by Violet. When they had climbed the stairs for a while the queen said, "Go up to the tower and close all the doors after you, look about you, then return and tell me what you saw."

When Violet had gone, the queen laughed in fiendish glee. "She doesn't know that the doors close on the outside," she murmured. She began in haste to leave the tower, taking care, however, to see if the doors were securely fastened. Then she went home.

Meanwhile, Violet ascended to the highest room, closing the doors after her as she was bidden. When she had closed the last door, she looked about her in amazement. The room was empty save for a bed of leaves in the corner. She stood still a little while then turned to go back, but the door was locked and she could not escape. She called for the queen but in vain. At last she went to the barred window and looking out, she saw her stepmother going home in the distance.

Then it dawned upon her that her stepmother had deserted her and had left her here to die. She sat down and began to cry. To her surprise every tear turned into gold and dropped upon the floor. In her amazement she forgot to weep. When she had regained her breath a little, she thought "What good will gold do me here?" Then she went to the window and looked out, she watched till it grew dark, then she lay on the bed to sleep. She slept till the clock struck twelve, then the room was suddenly filled with light. Violet sat up, frightened. From the floor started a ruby light; it filled the room with a bright radiance and a sweet incense. The color changed slowly, to violet, indigo, pink, lavendar, blue, then white, and from the misty white arose a fairy beautiful as the day, but white as snow. No touch of color shone on her face, or hands. The only color about her was her eyes and they were a pale blue.

Violet was too frightened to speak, and she nearly fainted when the vision spoke in silvery, bell-like tones: "I am the Snow Fairy; I dwell among icebergs and glaciers, I live beyond the ice mountain. I am enchanted and for seven years I will be unable to do anything but drop food to you three times a day. I know that your stepmother has left you here to die, but you shall not perish," she added, "I will fed you if you will undertake to deliver me from my enchantment."

This Violet promised to do if it would not harm her in the future. Thereupon the fairy gave her food and drink. When Violet had appeased her hunger the fairy said, "I will tell you how to set me free. I am a powerful fairy, but having lost my wand am unable to do much. A wicked sorceress found it and has made me almost powerless and until I recover it I can do scarcely anything. If it is not recovered in seven years I will entirely lose my power. You must get it and set me free. I will now leave you and you can leave the tower, for every night at twelve o'clock the doors are opened by fairy power. Before I go I must tell you that the sorceress will make you guess her name. It is Tan-tan-pu-la-gi-ta, and she is very wicked and ugly. Meet me here in seven years and return my wand to me." Then the colors underwent the same change and the fairy vanished. Violet was bewildered, but she hastened from the tower before she became fastened in again. She slept in the soft grass by the tower till morning, then she went on her journey.

After traveling a long while she reached a dense wood where she stopped to rest under a large tree. While sitting there the promised food from the fairy fell in a paper at her feet. She was just starting to eat it, as she was very hungry, when an old woman came before her and said, "Give me food for I am well nigh famished." Violet shared her food with the old witch and when they had finished the woman said, "You are pure and innocent and shared your food with an old woman like me. You shall not be unrewarded. I am powerful and can help you. When you need help say

'Woman, woman, good and wise,
Come, and help me win my prize'

and I will appear before you. Good-bye." with these words the woman disappeared.

Violet continued her journey. She had many adventures and many troubles. She wandered about for four years in search of the ice mountain she must cross before she arrived at the sorceress's home. She was about to give up the search when she at last came to the ice mountain. Inspired with hope, she eagerly started to climb the mountain; but to her dismay, it was so slippery that no sooner had she clammered up a few steps than she slid down to the bottom. After many fruitless efforts she at last thought of the old woman's promise. So she said

"Woman, woman, good and wise,
Come and help me win my prize."

No sooner had the words left her lips than there appeared before her the old woman. "What do you want, my child?" she asked.

"Oh, I want to cross the mountain and go to the wicked sorceress's home. No sooner said than done, and greatly to her surprise Violet found herself beside an old, dilapidated looking building. Sitting on a bench outside was the worst, fiercest looking creature she had ever seen. It was the form of an old woman, with only one eye and that in the middle of her forehead. She had a long nose and coarse hanging lips, and the fiercest teeth that were ever seen in mortal's or immortal's head. They were set about in disorder in her spacious mouth. A few straggling locks of gray hair stood upright their whole length on her head. She was altogether a horrifying spectacle.

When she saw Violet she addressed her and said, "You are trespassing on my ground, therefore you shall be my slave, go to work immediately or I will beat you."

From that day Violet was a kitchen drudge, working from morn till night, but she did not complain, she hoped to find the wand before the remaining time of seven years had expired. One day after almost three years of hard work the sorceress called Violet to her and said "To-morrow you must tell me my name if you do not I will kill you." This did not trouble Violet for the Snow Fairy had told her the name. The next day when the sorceress asked Violet what her name was Violet said, "Your name is Tan-tan-pu-la-gi-ta."

When the sorceress heard this she flourished her cane wildly in the air, shrieking and crying in rage "The devil told you that, yes, the devil!" When her wrath had partly subdued she said, "To-morrow you must tell me what I am thinking of, if you do not I will surely kill you." After work Violet went into the woods to meditate. While sitting there she thought of the old woman and said the magic words which brought the old woman before her, then she said, "I must tell the sorceress of what she is thinking to-morrow or she will kill me. Of what will she think?" The old woman said, "The sorceress will think of her power," and vanished.

The next day when Violet gave the correct answer, the sorceress was furious, but she said, "To-morrow you must show me of what I am thinking." That night when Violet called the old woman, she said, "Tell her she is thinking of the Snow Fairy's wand. You will find it in the sorceress's room in her bed."

That night when the sorceress went out for her evening walk, Violet stole into her room and got the wand. The next day she displayed the wand and said, "You were thinking of this." When the sorceress saw the wand, she howled in rage, then she started to pronounce the magic words which would turn Violet into a dog. Violet had the wand and so was endowed with power. She waved the wand and said, "Turn into dust and never live again!" Instantly the sorceress lay in dust at her feet. Then she said, "I wish I was at the tower," and she was there.

She waited till twelve o'clock on the seventh year and then the Snow Fairy appeared as before and took her wand. Violet gathered up her golden tears, while the fairy thanked her for the favor granted her. Then they both set out for Violet's old home. When they reached the door the fairy touched her and she was dressed in a gown that shone like the sun. Then they entered the castle.

Christy was about to be married to a handsome king, but when the king saw the beautiful Violet he fell in love with her and neglected Christy, much to her chargin. After looking about a little she made herself known, her father was overjoyed to see her; but the wicked queen fainted from fright and Christy did likewise from jealously. When the king found out how wicked Christy and her mother were, he married Violet in her stead, saying, "She is the right bride."

Then the two wicked ones were turned upon the world and made ugly by the fairy, and Speckle was made pretty.

Violet and the King lived very happily for the rest of their days. Whenever poor people were in urgent need they went to the queen and told her a sad story and she cried golden tears, which they gathered up and kept for a rainy day and for their present needs.


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### NEW YORK FASHIONS

NEW YORK, May 2d.—Some of the prettiest frocks seen lately have been in notable trousseaux where good taste dominated the lavish expenditure, for whether the outfit is simple or elaborate unless good taste and appropriateness rules the selection, the result is sure to be a failure.

**The Study of Personality**

Women who dress very well always understand their personal needs. They know what not to wear, and thus eliminate most of the trouble of selection. Usually simple frocks are most becoming and it is safer to err on the side of simplicity than in the other direction.

**Peasant Types**

What are known as "Peasant" frocks, which are simply the old time skirts of soft materials fulled into the waist, with waists to match usually having the new close fitting sleeve, cut in one with the blouse, are pretty, easy to make and becoming to almost everyone. These are draped over fitted linings so that the silhouette still remains slender as when the skirt is cut plain over the hips. The skirts tied in below the knee are increasingly worn, and if the figure is slender are most becoming unless an extremely narrow banding is attempted. One sees very few of the absurdly narrow French models worn, for dressmakers and their clients have modified the lines to suit American good taste.

**Silk and Serge Frocks for General Wear**

Girlish frocks of serge made in the modified Princess styles shown everywhere are prettily worn with turned down collars and turned back cuffs of pleated linen, or lingerie, and with these, rough straw hats trimmed with big velvet bows and facings, or with scarfs of printed silk go admirably. Foulard dresses, ade simply, often with no other trimming than their own borders, are worn with rather wide belts of black patent leather, while patent leather shoes, and bags go uncommonly well with these.

**Fashionable Embroideries**

Embroideries of all sorts were never more fashionable than now, and every girl who is collecting her store of linen for the wedding outfit, as well as other women who like the daintiness of nice markings should know of the Reis "Stitchon" and "Foundation" letters that make such embroideries an easy matter even for the least skilled needlewoman. The "Stitchon" letters and Monograms can be had at any embroidery counter that is up-to-date, and are simply stitched on to the article as their name implies. The "Foundation" letters save all the trouble of stuffing, and insure success in marking table linens, towels, handkerchiefs or any other desired article. They keep their shape in laundering, make the work easy, and can be used singly or combined in names or monograms.

**New Trimmings**

Nothing is better, or less expensive, for bringing last year's gowns or tailored suits up-to-date than to trim them with foulard, in polka spots, or some other attractive design. Collar facings, coat linings, belts, bands and other trimmings are made of these silks and it is a happy conceit to have a parasol covered to match. Natural colored shantungs are especially pretty with foulard trimmings in blue, or red or green. Overlapping buttons are the last trimming kink noted.

**Fashionable Gloves and Shoes**

Wingtipped shoes both in low and high cuts are very much worn and many very fancy styles are shown at the shops, but the majority of well dressed women, stick to black or tan footwear for street purposes. Slippers with black foxings with heels in color to correspond with the dress or its trimmings are liked, and on white or black slippers many of the heels have lacy metal ornaments in silver, steel or gilt. Fancy uppers in striped or blocked serge are seen on boots with smoked pearl buttons. Wide heavy stitchings are used on street gloves. White stitchings on black or dark colors, and black stitchings on white or light colors.

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### MANY GOING TO CIRCUS

The Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth is the powerful magnet that will draw hundreds of people from Middletown and vicinity on Friday, May 13th, to Wilmington. The railroads will make a special low rate and excursions will be run.

A glance at the list of features offered by this circus discloses many wonders. Jupiter "the Balloon Horse," takes a trip to the dome of the tent and comes back to earth amid a shower of fireworks. Desperado, a rash Frenchman, dives from the top of the arena to the ground, lighting on his bare chest. Charlie the First, a chimpanzee, presents a greater bicycle and acrobatic act than any man ever achieved. A company of fifty clowns creates incessant laughter. A member of the Siegrist-Silbon family of aerialists, blindfolds his eyes and leaps across the entire width of the arena, turns a double somersault on the way and catches the wriste of a comrade who hangs head down from a flying swing. The Abreu family of Mexican gymnasts introduce a great novelty act. Berzac's horses present an amusing play, the scene of which is laid in a country inn. One horse plays landlord and another is the town constable. The other horses make very amusing boarders. Paula Peters' monkey and dog circus holds the attention of the audience for half an hour. A masstiff villain sets fire to the hero's cottage. The dog fire department responds. The captain climbs a ladder and rescues Miss Poodle and an ape detective puts the villain in a cell. Other notables are the Konyot family of riders, the La Faille family of world's strongest men. — Winston's equestrian seals, the Dollar family of acrobats, and Victoria Codona, the greatest high-wire artist in the world.

In the menagerie are to be found 1,200 rare wild animals. Among them is Bumbeeno, the only giraffe ever born or exhibited in America. It is but three feet high and worth its weight in gold. There are forty elephants, 700 horses and 1,280 employes. The show travels on a train over a mile in length. The forenoon parade is the most gorgeous affair ever offered by a circus. It cost $1,000,000.

### Seaford to Have Housecleaning

As a result of the persistent efforts of George W. Donoho, president of the Town Council, Seaford's first earnest civic improvement campaign, will be inaugurated on Monday, May 2d, by a general celebration of town cleaning day, an innovation advocated by the town's hustling president, and supported by the progressive members of the Town Council, Business Men's Association and residents. Commencing at the business section the town will be thoroughly cleaned to the outskirts and the rubbish gathered from streets, alleys and yards, after raised in piles, will be hauled away free of expense.

### SONS OF DELAWARE

#### Enjoy Hospitality of Mother State

DOVER, May 2d.—After a procession of decorated automobiles containing the Philadelphia Sons of Delaware, who came to this city for their annual mid-Delaware dinner, had passed out of Dover for a cross-country run, the rear car, owned and driven by Louis M. Price, of Smyrna, overturned in passing a wagon. Prothonotary Charles Lefevre of Kent county, was thrown under the car, together with Herman C. Taylor. Magistrate John B. Wharton, Captain Lank, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Price were thrown out.

Lefevre was apparently being crushed to death, but his associates managed to lift the wrecked car off the prostrate man. Captain Lank, with only slight cuts, and Mr. Lefevre were taken to Captain John Lefevre's residence in Dover, where a physician attended them. The Philadelphia sons were greatly distressed over the accident and called at the house where the injured men were. Neither was fatally injured.

When the Philadelphians, 125 strong, sat down to their memorable mid-Delaware dinner they were served with probably the finest shad ever set before men or kings in this country.

Forty roe shad, of an average weight of eight pounds, were "captured" by Charles Jones, of Middletown, on the order of Dr. J. G. Sharpe. Mr. Jones went in a motor boat for a canvass of the fishermen, then "boating" their nets in midstream in Delaware river and bay.

The dinner began at 6.30 o'clock at the Hotel Richardson, and lasted until 9.30. The menu was all that could have been desired, and the Philadelphians were high in their praise of the good things. At its conclusion, the president of the society, Dr. G. Burton Moore, acted as toastmaster, and introduced George M. Jones, as one of the Dover committee on arrangements, and Chief Justice James Pennewill to welcome the guests.

Other speakers were Benjamin A. Hazel, D. I. Layton Register, Arley B. Magee, Josiah Marvel, Avery D. Harrington.

### A LAND OF PLENTY

These are the days when the discontented farmer's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of moving. The great railway systems of the west flood the mails with manuals setting forth the beauties and virtues of this and that region, each claiming to be par excellence the home-seeker's paradise. Agriculture has in this aspect taken the place of mining. In former times the "new country" that offered the most attractions to settlers from a distance, was that in which gold was taken out of the ground in big yellow nuggets or infinitesimal dust; in these later days the search is still for a fortune, but the medium exploited is the growing the medium exploited is the growing crop, which can be turned into gold—or greenbacks—by the slower processes of planting, cultivating and harvesting; and the pioneer now has for his emblems the gang-plow and the reaping machine instead of the pick and pan. Now, the advertising circulars teem with prints in which the settler's comfortable homestead and happy family are shown, projected against fields of heavy-headed grain, trees groaning under apples and peaches proportionately as large as watermelons, and the cattle of a thousand hills grouped in a pen by the side of the railroad, awaiting rapid shipment where buyers stand in line, longing for the chance to draw fat checks in payment. While these pictures attract the eye, few, if any, have ever bettered their condition by leaving this county.

### DOMESTIC ECONOMY

"My husband," said the woman with the optimistic face, "gives me $4 a week for keeping up the table for our family, and it is simply wonderful how we do it."

"I should think so," observes the woman with the grim smile. "How big a family have you?"

"My husband, myself, three boys and one girl."

"And you keep up your table with $4 a week? What do you have?"

"For breakfast we have a cereal, fruit, coffee and sometimes bacon and eggs; for luncheon cold meats or croquettes or something made of the leftovers from dinner the night before and a simple dessert; for dinner we have a soup, roast meat or chicken, two vegetables, a salad, coffee and a dessert."

"My goodness! What prices do you pay for groceries and meats?"

"Mercy me! I never ask. I just telephone to the grocer and meat man and tell them what I want, and my husband gets the bills the first of the month."

"But I thought you said he allowed you only $4 a week?"

"So he does, and by charging nearly everything, do you know, I actually save $8 or $10 a month from that allowance!"
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## DISASES CARRIED BY FLIES

If the people could be induced to spend upon the prevention of disease but a small per cent. of the time, labor and money they expend in its curing and removal, very many of the doctors would have to go out of business. And by prevention we do not mean those scientific campaigns against dangerous epidemics in city, state or nation by regular physicians with all the elaborate machinery of a Health Department at their command—such comprehensive prophylactic measures as rid Cuba and the Canal Zone of yellow fever, stamped out the bubonic plague in San Francisco and which keep Asiatic cholera and other imported scourges from entering our ports. But we mean that simple, practical sort of prevention that can be put in operation in our town by everybody at small cost and trouble, but which would yield results large and far reaching. To give one instance—the fly plague described on our local page. The costly, deadly annoyance of the house-fly pest, can be largely prevented by a simple measure, viz: putting all manure and other filth piles under cover so as to keep the fly from placing her eggs therein. The fly is now proven to be the greatest source of disease known. The germ orgin of nearly all the severe diseases that scourge the race from cradle to old age, is now no longer questioned, and the common fly is the principal agent that spreads abroad these invisible microbes that kill millions in such diseases as scarlet and typhoid fevers, diphtheria, smallpox, tuberculosis, etc.

One-half the typhoid and three-fourths of the deadly summer diseases that slay little children in New York City—caused by the flies they breed by the millions. This is true of towns and villages also—true of Middletown. Let all good citizens read the Health Talk on our local page and think soberly over its amazing revelations; then will they favor the cheap and practicable remedy that will at once reduce the number of flies by one-half and in two or three seasons destroy them quite. Decency should prompt such action; certainly, self-preservation from disease and death should do so.

At least 85 per cent. of all flies are bred in manure. For a few dollars every stable owner in town could dig a pit or make a cement or corrugated iron pen above ground, in every case with a fly-tight cover, which would prevent from 80 to 90 per cent. of the fly breeding. Government reports show that 60 per cent. of manure values are lost in leaching from rains—thus the housing would more than pay for itself the first season.

THE TRANSCRIPT desires to submit this highly important matter to the Town Board with a view to the passage of an ordinance requiring the secure covering of all manure and other filth. No one disputes these alarming facts, and surely our Town Board will not for the matter of a few dollars' cost to stable keepers, suffer them to create a nuisance at once a disgust and a menace to the health of every citizen. "Ignorance is the curse of God," says the great Poet. We are ignorant no longer of the great peril of the house-fly. If we fail to use the simple remedy, then do we ourselves invite the curse we might avert.

## RECORD SMASHING GALORE

Record making of all sorts is the fashion of the hour. Paulhan, like some huge winged monster, flying 187 miles through the icy darkness at times a mile a minute; that frisky, husky white-haired youth of 72, Weston, hoofing it from sea to sea, all weathers, up hill down dale, scant 4000 miles in 77 days; a poor old mammy cat, impelled by deathless mother love, traveling 40 miles and then toting her month old kitten in her mouth 40 miles back to her home again, all in two days; and last but not least our cheerful Mr. Taft, wearing the eternal smile, "swinging round the circle" in a style that for pace and distance puts Johnson's record quite in the shade. Next!

LET every one of our readers who has had the priceless blessing of a devoted mother, in reverent memory of her love and goodness, wear a white carnation on Sunday.

## LIGHT AND WATER ELECTION

### Messrs. Davis, Peverley, Green and Lewis Chosen

The four gentlemen nominated at the public meeting held in the Council room on April 26th, were chosen last Monday without opposition, save a few hundred complimentary votes cast for Messrs. Letherbury and Cleaver who were not candidates.

Under the town charter each taxpayer is allowed one vote for every dollar of tax paid by him.

We append the names of the new commissioners with terms for which they were chosen, together with the number of votes received by each:

H. L. Davis, for one year, received 5,261 votes.

Geo. V. Peverley, for two years, received 5,109 votes.

John C. Green, for three years, received 5,410 votes.

Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis, for five years, received 5,449 votes.

Walter S. Letherbury and J. A. Cleaver each received a small vote, the former 289 and the latter 46 votes.

The town is to be felicitated that busy gentlemen of such standing and intelligence are willing to give so much of their time to its affairs. This result is no doubt due very largely to the interest shown by the citizens in the public meetings previously held. THE TRANSCRIPT ventures to suggest the advisability of having all accounts audited yearly as is customary elsewhere.

## ROLLS OF HONOR

### Pupils Who Have Attained An Average of 90 Per Cent

**Middletown Public Schools**

HIGH SCHOOL. 11th Grade—Martha Voshell, Lena Weber, Estelle Beasten, Rebecca Collins, Rupert Burstan, Alfred Connellee. 10th Grade—Ruby Whitlock. 9th Grade—Blanche Cleaver, Maude Taylor, Helen McDowell.

GRAMMER SCHOOL. 8th Grade—Laura Connellee, Elizabeth Gibbs, Rose Evans, Hannah Kirk. 7th Grade—Sarah Kates, Alexander Berkman, Orah Spry, Anna Spicer, Alice Boulden. 6th Grade—Avery Donovan, Elmer Kirk, Clarence Weber, Mildred Redgrave, Marian Vinyard, Elizabeth Alexander. 5th Grade—Harry Segelkin, Bessie Denny.

PRIMARY SCHOOL. 4th Grade—Frank McWhorter, Odel Gallagher, Foster Johnson, Clara Gallagher, Allen Johnson, Frank Walker. 3d Grade—Frances Cochran, Lelia Pratt, Allee Hall, Marian Pinder, Claude Fouracre, Miller Reed, Grace Brady, Frank Jones, Harris Berkman, Viola Marker, Florence Pennewill, William Myers. 2d Grade—Gladys Long, Elva Freeman, Clara Brady, Lillie Hollins Clyde Taylor, Richard Cochran, Samuel Lundy, P. L. McWhorter, Jr. 1st Grade—Marion Armstrong, Laura Fogel, Sarah Pearce, Virginia Pearce, Margaret Ritchie, Corinne Vansant, Frances Graves, Gwendolen Gary, Clinton Jolls, Parker Schuman, Fannie Rosenberg, Isaac Stafford, Rogers Fouracre.

**Odessa Public Schools**

9th Grade—Ethelda Webb. 8th Grade—Anna M. Berry, Alice B. Croft. 7th Grade—Emma Wallace, Frances Davis, Norman Ward, Raynor Carrow. 6th Grade—Viola Smith, Blanche Wiest, Lulu Boyer, Loleta Buckson, Pearl Harris, Helen Wallace. 5th Grade—Isabella Smith, John Kumpel. 4th Grade—Helen Manlove. 3d Grade—Emily Webb, Dorothy Reynolds. 2d Grade—Anna Dulin, Malcolm McCoy. Primer Grade—Irvin Rose, Harold Phillips, Helen McGee, Sarah Sacks, Sarah Greenberg.

## WARWICK

Misses Ethel and Eula Vinyard spent last Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss Blanche Wright spent a few days the past week in Middletown.

Mrs. M. A. Lofland is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. John Stephens, in Cecilton.

Miss Bertha Lynch spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Pensel, in Chesapeake City.

Mrs. Blackburn and friend, of Wilmington, have been entertained by Mrs. J. R. H. Price, near town.

Mrs. Louise Crawford has been entertaining her daughter from New Castle a few days of the past week.

Our base ball team was organized last week. Messrs. Guy Johnson, Manager, and Samuel King, Secretary.

[Communicated].

## THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—May I speak a word in favor of THE TRANSCRIPT? I heartily agree with the article on the first page of last week's issue, entitled "The Local Newspaper." THE TRANSCRIPT *does* practice what it preaches. It is a clean, truthful paper, always ready to say a good word for any good thing, and not afraid to denounce the bad.

During the local option campaign did any one see anything in THE TRANSCRIPT in favor of whiskey? No, indeed. Every time the paper was in favor of "no-license," the editor preached "no-license" and we know he voted "no-license."

During the recent cigarette agitation, do you know where THE TRANSCRIPT stood on the subject? Well, if you don't you did not read the paper, for it told us plainly enough.

So with every good work. It makes sure it is right, and stands firm.

As for news, well, whatever news there is can be found in the columns of THE TRANSCRIPT. But one does not expect a Middletown paper to be as cock-full of news as a Philadelphia daily.

As for me, I would not be without THE TRANSCRIPT if it were double the present price. HOPE HAMPTON.
Middletown, May 2d, 1910.

### HE LIKES SUCH SURPRISES

It's an old saying: the best advertisement is a pleased customer.

It happens to us continually in this way: A man buys Devoe for his house—he has painted it once in three years for a dog's-age, and thinks he knows what he wants—buys 30 gallons, and has 10 left.

He sees right-off that 20 Devoe is as much as 30 of anything else. He likes that; it comes quick; it is a surprise; and he tells of it. The best advertisement is a pleased customer.

Three years roll round. There isn't a sign that his house needs paint; he don't paint it. Next year he don't paint it. This comes slow; it is a surprise; but he has got used to it. Still the best advertisement is a pleased customer.

12 J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.


Go to
Ernest A. Truitt, Ph. G.
for
Pure Drugs
Patent Medicines
Rubber Goods
Tooth Brushes
Hair Brushes
and Combs
Stationary
Candy and
Toilet Articles
West Main Street
Middletown, Del.



NEVER DESPAIR! WE HAVE IT!!
THE WORLD'S GREATEST REMEDY CURES ALL
R-U-MATIC
THE WORST FORMS OF RHEUMATISM KIDNEY TROUBLE &
SEND ADDRESS FOR FREE BOOKLET—DEPT. B
FOR SALE BY
THE MILFORD CHEMICAL Co. MILFORD, DEL.



**Carpenters Wanted**

Two or three willing hands for a season's work.

GEO. W. GRIFFIN,
Contractor and Builder
Newark, - - Del.


## Mothers' Day!

### Proclamation

Perhaps no movement has in so short a time taken a firmer hold upon the nation's consciousness and thrilled its way to public appreciation than the national observance of Mothers' Day. And in recognition of it, and with the hope that it may ever be perpetuated, I, Simeon S. Pennewill, Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby set apart as Mothers' Day,

SUNDAY, MAY 8th, 1910,

and I respectfully request and recommend that the day be observed throughout the State. Especially would I urge that in the churches appropriate sermons and addresses be given, and that everywhere the white carnation, the symbol of purity be worn.

The word, Mother, awakens the tenderest sentiment and the deepest emotion of the heart. And whether she is absent and her picture hangs slowly fading in memory's gallery, or whether she is present sitting serenely in the twilight's soft glow, she is mother, the best, the most unselfish of all friends.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Simeon S. Pennewill, Governor of the State of Delaware, have hereun to set my hand, and caused the Great Seal to be affixed, at Dover, this second day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty-fourth.

SEAL

By the Governor:
SIMEON S. PENNEWILL.
William T. Smithers,
Secretary of State.


## Singerly Wilkes

A word to the wise is sufficient.

Singerly Wilkes again in 1910 stands for mares that cannot be got in foal by any other horse. Think of it, Maud S., a mare worth a hundred thousand dollars went to her grave without ever producing a single foal. Now are you going to let that good old favorite mare do the same? and forever loose her blood when she ought to raise several colts. All you have to do is your part and we will do the rest.

Singerly Wilkes is one of the very last horses that the late William M. Singerly ever bred and I think opportunities considered—one of the best. To make a long story short I think that Singerley Wilkes is one of the best all around stock horses to-day in the world; I know its a big place but Singerly Wilkes is a big horse. Ask those who have had experience with his get. They say they never had such. Why? Because they never had a Singerley Wilkes before, they are roadsters and workers combined with courage and finish at every point, and last but not least with brains to carry it ont. Now use this horse with the commonest mare you own, and all of the rest and the best, with the best horsee you can find and when the results appear in 1911 just take a look and be convinced for yourself.

His fee is $25 to insure a mare in foal. For further particulars and extended pedigree address

J. M. JOHNSON,
Townsend, Del.
P. S. Not responsible for accidents.



# Sample Dress Sale

A special purchase of Sample Dresses for Misses, Ladies and children, from makers of fame in New York. We bought them at a low price and you can buy them for just ⅓ off their value.

Dresses of distinguished beauty that show in fine fabric and tailoring. Dresses that will appeal to women accustomed to fine custom made dresses. Styles that are cut on such good lines that they will fit as perfectly as dresses made to your measure.

In linen, repps, lineen, the colorings are fascinatingly cheery and new in shades blue, rose, banana, copper, lavender or white. Some are hand embroidered, others are braided. The new tunic dresses are charming, also the new co-ed dresses for the young girls. Prices:

$ 7.50 dresses for.....$2.50
$ 9.00 dresses for.....$3.00
$12.00 dresses for.....$4.00
$15.00 dresses for.....$4.98
$18.00 dresses for.....$6.00

A. FOGEL
MIDDLETOWN, - DELAWARE



# JAMES H. WRIGHT CO.

Market and Eighth Sts.

## The Reliable Store

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

There is a feeling of satisfaction in buying from a store that you know you can depend upon—a store that offers only reliable and dependable goods at reasonable prices—a store that depends not upon your first purchase but upon your permanent custom and patronage. It is our constant aim and purpose to make this just such a store.

Our line of Clothing for Men and Boys is absolutely correct. Stocks are not merely complete but embrace the best in the different styles and sizes—a collection from which it is never difficult to choose.

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS
From $8.50 to $30.00
Boys' Suits, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $5.00

An exceptionally good line of Children's Clothing at prices as low as quality will permit—here or elsewhere.

We want you to visit us when in Wilmington. Make this your headquarters at all times; feel that this is YOUR STORE, where you are always welcome and where you can always feel at home.

THE JAMES H. WRIGHT CO.
Market and Eighth Sts., - WILMINGTON
Otherwise known as "The Busy Corner"



# The Transcript $1.00



# Exclusively Tailored Clothes!

Are easily recognized at a glance. Why? Well we can show you and prove the statement in very few words.

**First.** They look as though they were modeled to your form, and as if you were comfortable and care free in them.

**Second.** There is style and general good form and finish to them, which naturally proves the best of workmanship or labor.

**Third.** The best of material is here, the latest weave of cloth, the newest design or pattern.

## Our Stock Displays all These Features

And it is made in the largest tailoring shops in New York City. Designed and cut to your especial requirements by experts in their various lines. Style and finish are their strongest points, because they are created in the home of style, by leaders of fashion and will therefore stand the closest scrutinizing and inspection.

**Shoes and Slippers**
An attractive line of Ladies', Men's and Children's Shoes and Slippers, at prices that are within the reach of all. Call and see them and learn our prices.

**Men's and Boys' Hats**
Men's and Boys' Felt and Straw Hats. The latest styles and best quality, ranging in price from 50c to $3.50

**Men's and Boys' Caps**
All the latest patterns and shapes. We are selling them from 15c to 50c.

**HOSIERY**
All kinds of Ladies', Men's and Children's Hosiery

**Men's Furnishings**
A new and up-to-date assortment of Gent's Furnishings, consisting of Men's and Boys' dress shirts, underwear, collars, neckwear, suspenders, etc.

Everything will be sold at reasonable prices. Come in and inspect our goods and learn our prices.

JOSEPH HOLLINS
Town Hall Building
Middletown, - - Delaware

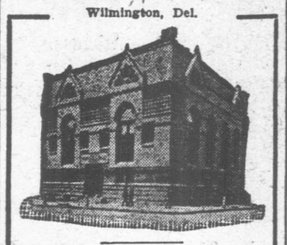


## Men's and Young Men's Stylish Summer Suits

Ogden-Howard Co.,
Fifth and King Sts.



SECURITY TRUST AND SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY
S.W.COR.SIXTH & MARKET STS.
Wilmington, Del.



Capital & Surplus, $1,200,000

It is the greatest pleasure to us to render the best possible service to our patrons. Call on us whenever we can be of assistance to you or to your friends.

OFFICERS:
Benjamin Nields, President.
James B. Clarkson, Vice-President.
John S. Rossell, Sec. & Trust Officer.
L. Scott Townsend, Treasurer.



HAVE YOUR
Shoes Repaired
AT
M. DECKTER'S

The best work for less money and done while you wait. I have moved on Broad Street next door to *The New Era*, in Dr. Vaughan's old office.

Men's Soles and Heels 75c
Ladies' Soles and Heels 65c

M. DECKTER
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.



SAMUEL B. FOARD
PAYS THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR
ALL KINDS OF Grain
Mr. William Janvier is our Grain Purchasing Agent at St. Georges.

ON HAND AT ALL TIMES HIGH-GRAD BITUMINOUS & LEHIGH
COAL!
SAWED WOOD by the Cord or in small quantities

Lime, Seed, Feed, &c
Just received a carload of Western Oats.



Burstan's Department Store

# Big Sale of Mattings

MATTING.—China and Japan, all desirable patterns and guaranteed to be first-class goods; to be sold while it lasts at 10c to 20c per yard, worth double.

## Moulding

Picture and Wall Moulding from the Monro Store, at half-price. Pictures framed to order.

## Monro Photo Post Cards

The genuine article; thousands were sold at 5c each. We are offering them to the public at 3 for 5c. We have 10,000 of them.

## Dennison's Crepe Paper

Just received another lot, which we will sell at 5c each, sold everywhere at 10c.

BURSTAN'S
Department Store
BROAD AND MAIN STREETS
Middletown, - Delaware



JAMES J. ROSS, President — WM. DENNEY, Secretary and Treasurer
—INCORPORATED 1847.—
Kent County Mutual Insurance Co.,
DOVER, DEL.
Insures Property Against Fire and Lightning
BUSINESS CONDUCTED ON THE MUTUAL SYSTEM
Has Returned to its Policy-Holders in Dividends and Surrendered Policie over $500,000.00
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AGENTS IN ALL THE PRINCIPAL TOWNS.



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Carriages and Agricultural Implements
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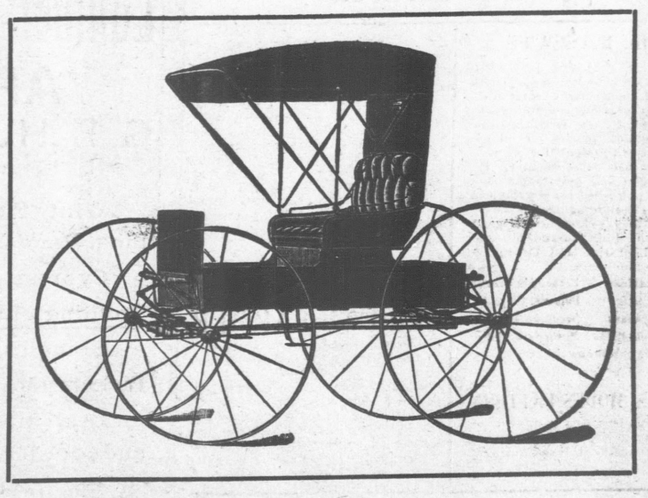

Carriages of all Grades. Our line is better than ever with price just to suit.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON
Middletown, Delaware

# The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.35 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m

For Odessa—7.50 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Marivilla 9.30 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 7, 1910


## Local News

May.

Birds nesting.

May flowers in bloom.

Last Spring month here.

Strawberries are ripening.

Summer only a month distant.

To-morrow is "Mother's Day."

The weather continues unsettled.

Thunder storms on the program.

Festivals and pic-nics will soon be in order.

If you want good Flour, use Pillsbury's. We can supply you.

MIDDLETOWN FARMS, Inc.

FOR RENT—Pneuvac Cleaner. Makes housecleaning easy. J. H. EMERSON.

FOR RENT.—The "Solway Stable" East end of Main street. G. E. HUKILL.

I pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of Fur. W. C. JONES.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.

FOR SALE.—A Deering binder, 7-foot cut, in good condition; will be sold cheap. Apply to D. R. REES.

Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of Poultry and Eggs. W. C. JONES.

Mr. William Brockson has rented the Gilch property on North Broad street, and moved there the first of the week.

Lambs still continue to bring high prices The latest quotations show that $5.50 a head is being paid in some sections.

All the new colors in suesine silk ready to show you. This silk wears well, will not fade in washing.

MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

LAUNDRY—Send your laundry to Turner Bros., Wilmington, for first-class work. J. WILLIAM BEASTON, Agent.

If you have a visitor or any news items we would be pleased if you would do us the kindness to pass it into the paper.

All kinds of fresh and salt Meats, Sausage, Scrapple and Lard constantly on hand. W. C. JONES.

On hand a large stock of new wall paper, from 5c. a roll up. Pictures framed while you wait. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

The managers of the Palmer Home at Dover, wish to thank all persons who kindly contributed to the donation on April 6th.

We have just received a carload of coarse Bran at a price cheaper than it has been all the season. Let us have your orders. MIDDLETOWN FARMS, Inc.

FOR SALE.—Earliana and Stone Tomato plants at W. T. Connellee's store and George Davis' store in Odessa. GEORGE W. KOHL.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Forest Church was held on Friday afternoon, at the home of Miss Emma Blackiston on Cass street.

The Henderson Corset, most reliable make for fashion, comfort and wear. Newest styles ready to show at

MRS. G. W. PETERSON'S.

Contrary to expectations the luscious shad which is such a popular table delicacy in Middletown, is not falling one whit in price.

Several of our young men are endeavoring to secure base ball grounds for this season, and if they are successful a club will be organized.

FOR RENT.—8-room house, with bath, heat in cellar, electric lights, and all conveniences. Porch, large yard and garden. Possession given at once. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

Stored in our Warehouses all kinds of FERTILIZERS for SPRING CROPS. Send your teams and we will give them prompt attention. JESSE L. SHEPHERD, Phone 5.

The Town Commissioners desiring to have a "safe" Fourth of July, on Mouday evening decided to prohibit the sending up of baloons and sky rockets, etc., on that day.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock, at the home of the president, Mrs. J. Frank McWhorter.

FOR SALE.—The well-known "Cochran" variety sweet corn at $2.50 per bushel or 10 cents per quart at

EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

Our shoe business is good, large stock of men's, women's and children's shoes, pumps and ties. We sell on 10 per cent. You save money here.

MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

The members of Bethesda Brotherhood of the M. E. Church will hold a strawberry festival on Thursday evening, May 12th, on the lawn adjoining the church.

The members of Washington Camp, No. 11, P. O. S. of A., of Odessa, will hold a strawberry festival on the school grounds in that town, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 17th and 18th.

Kookuk Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men of Wilmington, will confer the Warrior's and Chiefs' degrees on a class of 15 candidates to the local lodge of Red Men, on Tuesday evening, May 17th.

We now have on hand for sale 3000 good chestnut wire fence posts. Let us have your order and we will reserve the posts for you until you are ready to use them. J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

The stone for the new road leading from St. Annes Church to Ginn's Corner arrived the first of the week, and workmen are now engaged in completing this road which was begun last fall.

Constantly on hand, *all sizes* of the *Best Veins* and *best prepared Hard Coal*, for Heaters, Ranges and Cook Stoves. Clean and full weight. Prompt delivery at lowest prices. Also *Cord Wood* sawed to stove length, $2.00 for carload. If you have not been using our coal, try it and be happy. G. E. HUKILL.

PREPARE FOR WINTER'S COMFORT by giving your orders now for WILBUR'S CELEBRATED HIGH-GRADE LEHIGH COAL for April Delivery TO SUIT YOUR CONVENIENCE at April Prices. ALWAYS IN STOCK. Satisfaction guaranteed. FREE FROM DIRT. Cord Wood sawed to fit your stove. Phone 5.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Widow Lady wants a Situation as Housekeeper. Apply to box 67, Cecilton, Md.

Dr. E. G. Clark has bought the large building lot on West Cochran street, adjoining the Catholic Rectory and will have a modern dwelling erected thereon.

Officer Lee Cochran arrested Alfred Williams last Saturday night for disorderly conduct, and after a hearing before 'Squire Cox he paid a fine and costs amounting to $7.00.

Chief Stanley found Wilbur Young begging in the town limits last Saturday, and placed him under arrest. When given a hearing he was unable to pay his fine and was committed to the Workhouse where he will spend 40 days, and James Burnes is now spending 20 days at the same institution on a similar charge.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 28th: Mr. William Boyce, Mr. George Chester, John Bole Scott, (dead letter).

Seven colored girls and two boys were arraigned before 'Squire Cox Thursday evening and fined $2 06 each. The warrants for their arrests were sworn out by Edward Keys, who testified that all of the accused had acted in a disorderly manner in front of his home last Monday evening.

The large motor truck, owned by Mr. J. Irving Dayett of Cooch's Bridge, was in Middletown on Tuesday, delivering flour to our merchants. This truck has a capacity for hauling five tons, and was purchased to do the hauling for Mr. Dayett's large roller mill which is located at Cooch's Bridge.

While winding up the crank on the new coal wagon of Mr. J. L. Shepherd on Thursday afternoon, William Lockerman who is employed as a driver by Mr. Shepherd, was painfully injured by allowing the crank to slip out of his hand, which hit him, cutting an ugly gash just about the man's left eye.

After snapping at several persons a stray dog was shot in the yard of Mr. Joseph C. Parker Tuesday morning. The canine had sought shelter on Mr. Parker's front porch and would not consent to being removed. The strange actions of the animal caused some of those who observed its movements to believe it mad, and the dog was promptly killed.

The services in St. Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church at Odessa, to-morrew, (Sunday), will be as follows: 9.45 A. M., Brotherhood meeting; 10.30 A. M., preaching by the pastor. His subject will be: "Weary Reapers." Sabbath School at two P. M., and at 7.30 the pastor, Rev. J. H. Gray, will preach on "Blessings and Dangers of Summer-time." All are welcome.

Railroad detective Armstrong has been busy during the past week, and as a result of his efforts the following persons have paid fines for treepassing and disorderly conduct on the premises of the Delaware Railroad: Charles Thompson, Charles Stevens, John Watson and Wilburn Young were given hearings before 'Squire Cox and paid fines and costs amounting to $3 each, while John McGrain was assessed $5.00, which he paid and went on his way rejoicing.

All persons in jail at present will be known as jail birds for the next ten years. People in jail on April 15th and during a few days later, will have their "place of abode" put upon the census books as in jail." It will make no difference to Uncle Sam what the offence is, the records will for ten years, show you a resident of the jail. This question has caused much discussion since first taken up, more so than any other part of the census work, but the decision recently made by the government will stand.

## HER SIXTH BIRTHDAY

Little Helen Frances Armstrong entertained a number of her young friends at her home on Green street on Friday evening of last week from five to seven o'clock. The event was in honor of little Miss Armstrong's sixth birthday anniversary, and she was the recipient of a number of useful gifts. The young folks found lots of amusement with the graphophone and in playing various games, until six o'clock, when they were invited to the dining-room, where sandwiches, milk, ice cream, cake, etc., were served.

Those present were: Ruth Gillespie, Margaret Ritchie, Margaret and Gilbert Pleasanton, Price Kelley, Frank, Helen and Junior McWhorter, Percy and Edwin Donaghay, Claude and Rogers Fouracre, Corinne and Frank Vansant, Laura Fogel, Allen, June and Virginia Johnson, Henrietta Schroeder, Mary Jolls. Mrs. Harry Kelley, Mrs. John A. Jolls, Miss Eliza R. Hurn, Miss Louise Echenhofer and Miss Prudence Lewis assisted in serving supper.

## KILLED ON THE RAILRODA

The lifeless body of an unknown white man was found on the tracks of the Delaware railroad just south of Armstrong's Corner by train crew D. 57 at an early hour Friday morning, and after stopping the train, the body was brought to the depot here and the Coroner notified.

The man's head was crushed, both arms cut off and body mangled, and his breast was crushed, showing that he had been instantly killed. The only thing found to identify the unfortunate man who was evidentally riding on one of the trains when the accident occurred, is a card found near the body, bearing the name of "R. E. C. Smith, Willow Grove, Pa."

The dead man is about 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, and his weight about 150 pounds, head slightly bald with dark hair and he wore a dark suit of clothing and black shoes.

## Pleasant Social Reception

A very large and delightful social function or tea was given by Mrs. George L. Townsend, Jr., at her residence on East Cochran Street, Friday last from 2 to 5 P. M. The home of Mrs. Townsend was beautifully decorated with flags, and over 100 guests from town, Delaware City, Odessa, Mt. Pleasant, Kirkwood and other Peninsula places, enjoyed their hostess' elegant hospitality. Refreshments were served, Mesdames Poole and Watkins presiding at the tea and coffee urns, Mrs. Shroeder and Misses Townsend, of Odessa, Laura Willets and others served. As a conversazione, the affair was also a pleasing success that sent the participants away charmed alike with their hostess, her guest and each other.

## To The New Century Ladies'

As organized leaders "in every good word and work," THE TRANSCRIPT desires to call the attention of the ladies of the New Century Club to its Health Talk on the local page, and also to its editorial on the important subject of the house-fly pest. You are laboring in more ways than one for our town's welfare, and wish with all our ladies to see it approach in every way the civic ideal that is both clean and beautiful. We used to think that flies like the poor "ye have always with you;" but it is not so; other towns have driven them out altogether, and so can Middletown rid itself of the nasty peril, if the ladies of our town will but say the word.

## Service for Men

A service for Men will be held in the Methodist Church, at Townsend, to-morrow, (Sunday) evening, beginning at 7.45 o'clock. The men will occupy the middle block of pews, while the ladies will be seated in the side blocks. It is hoped to have one hundred men to sit in a body at this service. The pastor, Rev. F. C. MacSorley, will deliver an address on "The Measure of a Man." The men will sing one or two familiar hymns. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

## TWO LAUGHABLE COMEDIES

### Rendered by Queen Esther Circle Friday Evening

The two comedies given in the Opera House last evening, by the Queen Esther Circle of Bethesda M. E. Church, were well received by a large audience, and the young ladies having the affair in charge are being warmly congratulated over the success of the two laughable comedies, "Trouble at Satterlee's" and "Maidens all Forlorn."

The program follows:

**Trouble at Satterlee's**

Music.....Smyrna Orchestra
Act I.
Music.....Vinyard Trio
Act II. Time—Quiet Hour.
Orchestra.

Cast of Characters

School Girls—
Dorothy Talcott.....May Kumpel
Gertrude Ellicott.....Lulu Vinyard
Alice Gray.....Mary Richards
Bertha Huitt.....Emily Allee
Mary Bouchelle.....Bessie Foraker
Marion Wingate.....Elsie Boulden
Mildred Bevelyn.....Elsie Byron
Miss Satterlee, Principal.....Sarah Weldon
Kathleen McCarthy, Irish maid...Lillian Melvin.

Scene—Dorothy's room at Satterlee's School for Young Ladies

**Maidens all Forlorn**

Act I.
Scene—Sitting room of Shorely Cottage.
Music.....Double Quartette
Act II. Two days later.
Music.....Quartette
Act III. Next morning.

Cast of Characters

Cousins—
Maude Meredith.....Edna Banning
Bertha Baniadale.....Ada Scott
Elizabeth Linden.....Helena Dutton
Louisa Marston, their aunt...Anna Denny
Mrs. Maloney, landlady of Shorely Cottage.....Bessie Doolittle
Physician.....J. Denby

## PERSONALS

Mrs. John C. Stites is sojourning at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Isaac Taylor spent Saturday and Sunday in Havre de Grace, Md.

Miss Virginia E. Jones, of New York City, is visiting at her home here.

Miss Lillian Hodge, of Elwyn, Pa., was the guest of friends here on Sunday.

Miss Fannie Mabrey, of Smyrna, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Brown.

Mrs. Ida Lindley has returned from a short visit with Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. H. M. Jones is spending several weeks with relatives in and near Clayton.

Mrs. S. S. Roberts, of Wilmington, spent Thursday with Mrs. H. W. Woolford.

Mrs. Sarah Shockley, of Milford, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bendler, near town.

Mrs. George Crossland, of St. Georges, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Crossland.

Miss Beulah Keene, of Havre de Grace, Md., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Miss Grace Johnson, of Watertown, N. Y., spent part of last week with Mrs. G. L. Townsend.

Mrs. John Cleaver returned home on Sunday, after a short visit with Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. Alice Nowland has returned from Philadelphia, where she spent several days with relatives.

Mr. John J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at the home of his father, Mr. J. R. Hoffecker.

Mr. Joseph P. Comegys, of Philadelphia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys, last week.

Mr. James Bradley, of Wilmington, was in town Sunday, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Allen and family, of Philadelphia, were guests at the Middletown Hotel over Sunday.

Mrs. John Redgrave and daughter Lydia spent Saturday and Sunday with Philadelphia and Wilmington relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Mendinhall, of Wilmington, was the guest of her father, Mr. Charles P. Cochran, several days this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlaine and two children returned on Thursday, after spending several days at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sterling Evans, of Elkton, Md., were visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foard, Sunday.

Mrs. Lettie Price, of Philadelphia, was a recent visitor with her mother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Price, on South Broad street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ford, of Baltimore, Md., are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick, on South Broad street.

Mrs. John Crossland and children, of near Delaware City, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Richards.

Mrs. Nelson Crane and little daughter Eleanor, of Sparrow's Point, Md., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Eliason at Mt. Pleasant.

## They Must be Good

WHEREAS.—There has been considerable complaint of the noisy, vulgar and profane language used by pupils and others while on the Academy grounds, Saturdays and evenings. Therefore the following regulations are hereby adopted.

FIRST.—No one, except pupils, teachers or officials of the school shall be allowed upon the school grounds except on business, school visitation or by permission of the Principal.

SECOND.—Profane, vulgar or indecent language, smoking or chewing tobacco, damaging of the school or adjoining properties or trespass inside of the school building and any pupil violating this regulation shall be suspended from any further use of the school grounds.

Owing to many complaints received, the members of the School Board were inclined to forbid the use of the school grounds to anyone except during school hours. A delegation of school boys waited upon the School Board at a meeting held last Monday evening, and promised to comply with the above regulations and to assist in making others comply with them.

## ELECTED OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church held on Monday evening, the following officers were elected and committees named to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. George Derrickson; Vice President, Miss May Holten; Corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Rothwell; Recording secretary, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker; Treasurer, Miss Maude Deakyne; Organist, Mrs. S. E. Lewis; Assistant, Miss Nellie Rothwell. Lookout committee, Miss Mary Nowland, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, Miss Annie B. Ellison, Miss Nellie Rothwell. Prayer meeting committee, Miss May Holten, Miss Susie Ellison, Mrs. Julia Cann, Miss Mary Rothwell. Social committee, Miss Maude Deakyne, Mrs. S. E. Lewis, Miss Susie Ellison, John J. Hoffecker, Jr. Sunday school committee, Mr. J. Fletcher Deakyne, Mr. G. D. Kelley, Mr. William Armstrong. Missionary committee, Mrs. F. H. Moore, Miss Myrtle Houston, Mrs. George Derrickson, Miss Nellie Rothwell.

## Smith—Money Wedding

William L. Smith, of Cecilton, Md., and Miss Eva Money, of Philadelphia, were quietly married in Middletown Saturday afternoon. Rev. John Arters performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in the new house which he has just had built in Cecilton. Mr. Smith is well known there and they have the best wishes of his friends.

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## A TALK ON HEALTH

### With The Transcript's Good Housekeepers

The most dangerous animal on earth is the fly! That is the conclusion, not of sensation mongers, but of cool-headed and cautious scientists. That little, insignificant, pesky house fly is a thousand times more dangerous to you and your babies than all the man-eating animals of the world could be. Can the many good housewives who read THE TRANSCRIPT realize that big fact? Perhaps better said are they willing to realize and act upon it? And here's more of it. Roosevelt in his hunting trip through the darkest jungles of Africa never faced the danger that is now besetting the men and women and children of America. The blood-thirsty denizens of that dark continent do not harm the human family as much in a century as does the fly in one single summer. The poisonous reptiles of India are harmless playthings in comparison. Railroad accidents kill and maim many, but the fly is tenfold more destructive. Now will these same good homekeepers of Middletown because they love their little ones, carefully read and think over these truly amazing facts?

Hitherto the fly has been regarded as a harmless nuisance and considered to be an annoying creature with its persistence and excessive familiarity. That was the way the last generation looked upon the household pest.

Now, however, the fly has been publicly indicted as a murderer of the human race, and the efforts to rid the world of him are not because he is a common nuisance—which should be enough—but because the fly is the greatest disease breeder and the carrier of more disease germs than all other animal life put together. This is a new fact; indeed, the proof that the common fly was so deadly is much less than a generation old. I doubt if our town doctors would have stated the case so strongly even five years ago and one of our leading physicians says this is correct.

Will every householder in Middletown please read the following health statistics:

The health authorities of New York estimate that about one-half of the deaths from typhoid in that city are attributable to the distribution of the germs of the flies. They also declare that about three-fourths of the young children who die from the bowel complaints which flies are chiefly instrumental in spreading would never have been sick had proper precautions been taken against flies.

The numbers of bacteria upon one fly have been proved to range all the way from 550 to 6,600,000. The average is about 1,250,000 a fly. This represents the number of bacteria that enters the human system when one swallows a glass of liquid into which a fly has fallen.

Flies caught in the rooms of patients suffering from typhoid fever, smallpox, scarlet fever, tuberculosis and other diseases have been examined under the microscope, and in nearly every instance it has been found that they were not only covered but filled with the specific bacteria of these diseases.

And will our neat, particular housekeepers who justly pride themselves on their spotless homes try hard to grasp the full meaning and significance of this statement: From the sick room, from the rotten filth of the garbage pail, from the heaps of refuse, manure, and offal of all kinds, the death-bringing fly walks on the butter, the bread, the meat, the fruit upon the table, leaving everywhere the disease germs its furry feet have gathered up.

Finally we ask the mothers and fathers of Middletown and vicinity to ponder long and thoughtfully this paragraph telling how the dirty preventable fly befouls food and kills little children: From the outhouses it goes to the baby's bottle; from the scum-covered pool it hurries to the family dinner table. And the victims are victims needlessly, for it takes but little precaution and little expense to rid the house of flies, and but the same effort upon the part of everybody to rid the country of the fly.

We repeat it, all this filthy peril of the house fly can easily be avoided in our town, and we wish every good citizen to read our editorial suggestions on this important subject—to agitate the matter by speaking to the members of the Town Board—by writing it up. Our columns are open. This course will bring about action by the Board, and not only relieve us from a dirty, dangerous nuisance, but be a big step towards "The Town Beautiful."

## OBITUARY

### MISS MARY DAISY MCALEER

The many friends of this young lady here were shocked to learn of her death which occurred in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday. Miss McAleer was the eldest daughter of the late Hugh McAleer, and is survived by her mother, and three sisters. She was a popular young lady and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her death. Her remains were brought to Middletown Monday evening and taken to the residence of Mrs. Susan Perkins on Green street, from whence the funeral took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, with interment in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, on Bohemia Manor. The pall-bearers were: Dr. Galen Wright, Harry M. Lockwood, William H. Brady, Harry S. Brady, Lucian Green and Charles Crawford.

### WILLIAM M. KNIGHT

William M. Knight, a native of Cecil county, Md., and former well known resident, died at an early hour Wednesday morning at his home in Baltimore, after an illness of several months. For a number of years he was a member of the commission merchant firm of Frame, Knight & Co., of that city. Mr. Knight was born in 1837 at Knight's Island in the Sassafras river, and was a son of the late William Knight. He received his education at the county schools, afterward at Wilmington, and finally at Princeton. He began the study of law in the office of the late George Ross Veazey, but abandoned it for the life of a farmer in Cecil county, for many years residing on "Bohemia Manor."

### MRS. JENNIE E. ROWAN

Mrs. Jennie E. Rowan, widow of the late William P. Rowan, died at the home of her son, William P. Rowan, in Grove Neck, Cecil county, Md., Saturday evening, after a brief illness of pneumonia, aged sixty-five years. She is survived by two sons, J. Cavender Rowan and William P. Rowan, two grandchildren, Hilda and William Rowan, and four brothers. She also leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held at her late residence on Monday at 1.30 o'clock, with interment at Georgetown Cemetery.

### MRS. JOHN W. REYNOLDS

After a short illness, Mrs. John W. Reynolds died at her home in Elkton, Md., at an early hour Thursday morning, of pneumonia, aged about 65 years. Mrs. Reynolds resided near Summit Bridge for many years, where her numerous friends will regret to learn of her death. She leaves a husband, two daughters and one son to mourn her death. The remains will be buried in Bethel Cemetery, but we are unable to learn the date of interment.

### MRS. SARAH C. CHOATE

Mrs. Sarah Carter Choate, widow of Stephen R. Choate, died at her home in Newark after a long illness, Thursday night. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. The funeral took place from her late home Sunday afternoon; interment in the Newark M. E. Cemetery.

## Will Speak in Bethesda Church

Rev. John M. Arters of Wilmington, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, will speak in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow, (Sunday) morning, May 8th, at the usual hour. The address will be devoted to the interests of this year's local option campaign in this county. Mr. Arters will speak in Kirkwood M. E. Church on Sunday night,

## THE COMET OBSERVATIONS

Don't try to pull the comet's tail—you can't come it—it's too short as yet. Don't lose any sleep just now getting up at three o'clock A. M.. squinting at the faint streak in the east that does duty as "the Comet." Wait a week. Queer isn't it, how it makes everybody tell yarns that's tried to see that hazy something with an alleged tail "about as long as my cane," as a certain gentleman described it! Is it because these star gazers are so taken in that they feel bound in self-defence to "draw the long bow" some in telling about it?

Certain it is there's a large crop of astronomical newspaper liars springing up these days. Fish liars and sea serpent mongers are now turning their attention to comets.

THE TRANSCRIPT's Scribe has seen the comet and his unbiased and truthfull opinion is that if Mr. Halley's spectacular performance of the firey comet, that was wont to "scare the nations," is going to keep up its historic reputation it will have to "get a hump on itself." Our advice is like Puck's famous caution with reference to matrimony "Don't"—at least for a week or so.

Here's how another of our astronomers describes his efforts at "seeing the comet" Like a fool, I followed some wise guy's advice "O be sure and see the comet," and set my infernal old alarm clock at the unearthly hour of three A. M. I was dreaming of comets and things when the clock went off with such a bang and whiz that I awoke with a start thinking the durned comet had struck. Not stopping to dress and wishing to have a surprise for my wife, I stealthily climbed up the crooked garret stairs—(whose steps my aforesaid wife has adorned with some two dozen man traps,) at imminent risk to my limbs, and groping around in the dark to find the East windows, bumped my bald pate against some hard object hanging from the rafters that made me say something that began with an "H" and had two ll's in it and that sounded like Halley but wasn't. The next moment I stumbled sprawling over a pile of dry walnuts my young hopeful had left on the floor to cure, and made some more "Halley" observations.

Finally, I got to the window only to find that thanks to trees and barns there wasn't any sky worth mentioning visible in that particular direction.

So I in my long Magi robe descended to the yard and after equinting myself half blind and freezing my toes decided that a foot or so of celestial smear in the East just over the top of Smith's barn, was the comet.

Not in a very good humor I crawled half frozen back to bed resolved in future to give over cometary observations til they arrange to arrive at more sensible hours.

## ODESSA

Miss Mary Massey is a visitor in Wilmington this week.

Miss Gertrude Wallace visited Wilmington relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. George Heldmyer visited New Castle friends last week.

Miss Mary Townsend and sister Helen were visitors in Wilmington last week.

Mrs. Harry Cook, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. C. Stevens, this week.

Miss Emily Webb spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near Taylor's Bridge.

Mr. Leonard Rhodes, of Newark, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rhodes, Tuesday.

Mr. F. D. Reynolds and Miss Emma Eccles spent Tuesday with friends in Wilmington.

Mr. Samuel Krigstein is the guest of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sacks this week.

Miss Ethel Ward, of Chester, Pa., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, on Sunday.

Miss Avis Shockley, of Townsend, was a visitor at the home of Mrs. George Boyer this week.

Mrs. J. B. Brackett, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is spending sometime with Dr. Henry Smyth and family.

Mrs. John Kielkopf was given a surprise party on Thursday by her relatives, in honor of her birthday.

Miss Florence Carrow, of St. Georges, was the guest at the home of Dr. Joseph Carrow and family, last week.

Mrs. George Roemer and niece, Miss Clara Douglas, spent several days last week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Florence Cann who has been spending sometime with relatives here, returned to her home in Philadelphia last week.

Rev. J. Howard Gray and wife and Miss Edna Ewell, were visitors at the State S. S. Convention, in Wilmington, last week.

The P. O. S. of A. will on the 17th and 18th of this month give a strawberry festival, in the Red Men's Hall. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Dr. J. D. Niles and wife who have been spending sometime here, in the absence of Dr. Henry Smyth and family, returned to their home in Wellsboro, Pa., last week.

The Brotherhood of St. Pauls M. E. Church held a business meeting Thursday evening in the lecture room of the church. After the business meeting a social followed, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

A happy band of young people left at one o'clock Saturday afternoon for Cool Spring woods on a May picnic, chaperoned by Miss Edna Ewell and Mrs. Anna Orrell. After a pleasant search for flowers and some enjoyable games, a bountiful supper was served to which all did full justice. The happy but tired company reached home about 6 o'clock, hoping soon for another such good outing.

## CECILTON

Millard Taylor is spending sometime in Baltimore.

Mrs. John H. Black has been visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. R. M. Black and daughter spent last week in Baltimore.

Miss Bertha Knock, of near Earleville, spent Saturday with friends in town.

Miss Blanche Van Buskirk, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. William Alderson.

Mrs. W. Gary and daughter, of Kennedyville, spent one day last week with her father, Mr. James Smith.

Mr. James T. Watts, wife and Miss Georgia Walmsley spent several days this week in Philadelphia.

Miss Gertrude Manlove entertained quite a number of her young friends at her home in town last Friday evening.

Misses Mollie McCoy and Mary and Kathyrine Budd, of Elkton, were the guests of Miss Lelia McCoy on Saturday.

Messrs. James Pierce, Charles Griffith, William Alderson, William Brown, Sr., and George Morgan spent Wednesday of last week in Elkton.

An entertainment will be given in the Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall Tuesday evening, May 10th, beginning at 8 o'clock, consisting of two plays, "The Country School," and "The Rag-doll Band." There will also be instrumental and vocal music. A jolly evening of mirth and fun is in store for you. Admission, Adults 25 cents, Children 15 cents. Reserved seats at 35 cents. Proceeds for town improvements.

## Bids For New Bridge

Bids for building a concrete bridge across the Noxontown Millidam, in St. Georges hundred, near Middletown, were opened Tuesday morning by the Levy Court. The bids follow: Tatnall Brown Co., of Wilmington, $7,973. Robert R. Morrison of New Castle, $6,398.83. H. M. Lockwood of Middletown, plus 10 per cent. of actual cost. This bidder did not give any certain amount in his bid. Nelson Meredith Co., of Chambersburg, Pa., $7,106 and $9,940. Luken Bridge Co., York, Pa., $6,330.

The bids were referred to the Court as a committee of the whole and the county engineer.

## THE DROP IN WHEAT

### Many Growers Regretting They Did Not Sell at $1.25

Those who have been holding their wheat for a fancy price, are likely regretting they did not sell when the price was in the $1.25 neighborhood, as the present big drop in price is likely to hold somewhere about the dollar mark, according to the judgment of most dealers, though there is nothing more uncertain than market prices.

The fall in price has caused a sharp drop in the price of flour, and city bakers have already increased the size of loaves of bread, which means the saving of thousands of dollars to the poor.

It is confidently predicted that the high cost of food has reached its limit, and that meats and other food products must fall. Hogs have fallen over $1.00 a hundred, this week, in the Chicago market.

Several reasons are assigned for the falling off in wheat prices. Chief among them is a lack of export demand, due to fairly good crops having been harvested in other wheat growing countries. The Argentine crop is up to the average. The India crop is also of fair size, while from Russia comes the report that its crop is the largest grown in years. Again the millers throughout the country, in anticipation of a shortage and not wishing to be caught short as they were in 1909 stocked up early in the season and have had on hand sufficient wheat to carry them over. Then too, the prospect for a bumper crop this year have had its effect on the market. According to all reports there is every indication that this year's crop is going to be one of the best harvested for a long time.

Wheat is not the only food commodity that has declined in price. Old potatoes are lower now than they have been for several seasons. In the retail markets the ruling prices range from about 50c a bushel up, according to quality, but the statement is made that out West, where a great many farmers held back their crops in anticipation of higher prices they are now glad to get rid of them at from 20c to 25c a bushel, and as a matter of fact, potatoes are selling at a lower figure in New York state.

## TOWNSEND

Mrs. Maggie Lee is visiting her daughter near Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Jones visited his parents in Middletown on Sunday.

Miss Lilian Hart was the guest of Wilmington friends part of last week.

Mr. Martin Lee, of Philadelphia, visited his mother, Mrs. Maggie Lee, on Sunday.

Mrs. Daisy Collins, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents here on Sunday.

Miss Ethel L. Marker spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vandyke were thes guest of their son near Townsend on Sunday.

Miss Ethel Lee, of Townsend, is visiting her cousin, Miss Mary Stephenson, near Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lightcap and son, of Odessa, spent Sunday with Walter Lee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crosean, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. George Daniels, near town.

## CENTURY CLUB OFFICERS

Tuesday afternoon was a very interesting time to the members of the New Century Club, that being the day for the election of officers for the coming year. Before the election was held, reports of the year's work were given by the chairmen of the different standing committees, all of whom were present, except the chairman of Civics and Forestry. The chairmen of the standing committees are: Household economics, Miss Bessie S. Anderson; Entertainment, Miss Ethel Brady; Library, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker; Education, Mrs. C. J. Freeman; Reciprocity, Mrs. F. B. Watkins; Program, Miss Dora R. Price; Music, Miss Mary Hutchin; Arts and Crafts, Miss Laura E. Willits; Social service, Mrs. Charles Derrickson; Civics and Forestry, Mrs. H. B. McDowell; Club hostess, Miss Eliza C. Green.

Mrs. Derrickson read a letter from the manager of the Palmer Home for Old Folks at Dover, thanking the Club for the barrel of good things recently sent to the Home by the Club members.

It was decided to invite the State Federation of Woman's Clubs to meet here next year. Mrs. C. B. Green and Miss Marie T. Lockwood are the delegates to the Federation which meets in Georgetown this month.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Clara Brady Green; 1st Vice President, Miss Ethel Brady; 2d Vice President, Miss Eliza C. Green; Recording secretary, Miss Mary Hutchin; Assistant, Miss Mary B. Nowland: Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clarence E. Pool; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Shepherd; Auditor, Mrs. Martin B. Burris.

Next Tuesday will be the last meeting of the year. The resume of the year's work will be given by the president and the new officers will be installed.

## Tuberculosis Exhibition Car

The traveling car exhibit of tuberculosis under the auspices of the Delaware State Tuberculosis Commission, reached Middletown Thursday about noon and had that afternoon 87 visitors, which is an encouraging proof of the awakening interest felt in this most important subject by our citizens.

Tuberculosis, or as it is popularly called, consumption, causes more deaths than any other disease. So fearful are its ravages that it has been by evil pre-eminence styled "The White Plague." One-third of all deaths between the ages of 20 and 45 are from that single cause. To illustrate: in Wilmington out of 178 deaths 24 were from typhoid fever, eight from scarlet fever, seven from diphtheria, and 139 from tuberculosis.

The exhibit, which is contained in a white car standing on the siding a short distance south of the station, is a fine one, very full, and exceedingly interesting and instructive, and every citizen in our town owes it to himself or herself and to the community as well, to visit it. And Mr. Ellis who is in charge of the car, will be found assiduously polite in explaining the pictures, exhibits, models, apparats, methods, biological specimens, cures, remedies &c.

A lecture with many interesting lantern slide illustrations will be given upon the subject of tuberculosis by Mr. Spaid, County Superintendent on Tuesday evening the 10th, at 8 o'clock, in the Academy building; a talk will also be given to children at 1.30 P. M. on Tuesday, also at the Academy.


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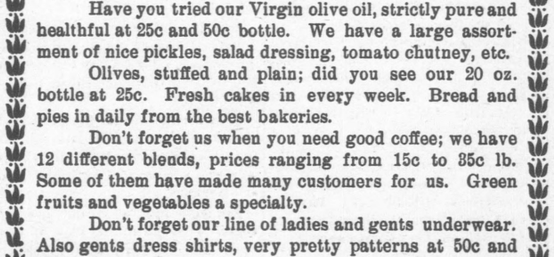


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## FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

It is the experience of dairymen that alfalfa is far superior to timothy hay for cows, and that they may be fed all the alfalfa hay they will consume, and that a mixture consisting of 400 pounds of ground corn; 300 pounds of bran or oats supplements the alfalfa very well. Seven or eight pounds of this combination is sufficient to produce one pound of fat when fed with all the good alfalfa hay an animal will consume. If the droppings of the animal seem somewhat dry do not hesitate to recommend the use of one pound of oilmeal per day.

In these times of high priced corn for feeding purposes, it is well worth while to bear in mind that about 40 per cent. of the feeding value of the corn plant is in the stalk, leaves and husks, and the other 60 per cent. in the ear. In handling corn as commonly practiced much of the 40 per cent. is lost. When corn is cut for silo before lower leaves are dry there is no waste. About twice the amount of dry matter can be stored in the form of silage as in the form of fodder. It has been determined that a cubic foot of hay in the mow contains about 4.3 pounds of dry matter, while a cubic of hay in the mow contains about 4.3 pounds of dry matter. A cubic foot of space in a silo being worth more than twice an equal space in a mow.

No crop in an orchard should be planted so near the trees as to rob them of moisture.

Hand-picking and spraying with Bordeaux is required to get rid of rose bugs on grapes.

Hogs need comfortable quarters in cold weather more than horses and cattle, because their hair is coarser and thinner.

The price of good milk, cream or butter is not always calculated in dollars and cents. Economical and sanitary ways of handling must be considered.

The number of sheep in the United States is decreasing, while the consumption of mutton is increasing, and as a result we find sheep commanding a high price.

The sooner farmers recognize the fact that poultry raising should be as carefully and thoroughly conducted as the dairy business, the quicker a good many dollars will be added to the family income.

The man who sells his eggs at the country store will not for the present receive very much encouragement to produce strictly high grade eggs. Try some good, reliable commission firm in some large city and let your grocery man rest.

In breeding chicks on the farm the system of selecting the eggs for hatching is likely to be faulty. The early laying pullets generally begin to lay their first course of eggs before the eggs are saved for hatching. Then when the eggs are selected they come from the late-laying pullets and hens. It will be seen that in many cases the characteristics of the short-period hens are being bred along instead of those of the long-period hens. This may be the factor that decides whether the flock of hens kept are bred to pay well or do not pay well. Careful poultry breeders consider this point and devise means by which the eggs set are gathered from the best-laying pullets.

One point should be kept in mind: There should be as much or more attention paid to the individual characteristics of the hens as there is to the breed. One hen of a breed may be a good producer and another of the same breed be a poor producer and an unprofitable servant. When we select eggs from the poor layer we are breeding in the wrong direction.

Do not attempt to save your own seeds unless you have used every precaution necessary to prevent cross-fertilization. Plants often mix without the knowledge of the grower. A melon, it is claimed, may be fertilized by a pumpkin, and, though the fruit of this season may be apparently genuine, yet the seed of such, if used the next season, may cause a failure of the crop or destroy the quality.

The value of palatability and succulency in the character of live stock foods are well illustrated by the domestic animal grazing the pastures. The cow cannot thrive on dry feed as the horse does. Of course ideal and balanced food for cattle is bluegrass pasture, but for a large part of the year green pasture is not available. The best substitutes to furnish this succulent feed during this period are root crops and corn silage. Corn yields about twice as much dry matter per acre as do root crops. As root crops require much more labor, silage is by far the most economical for those where corn cannot be grown.

Within recent years alfalfa has forged to the front as a forage plant in the United States with extraordinary rapidity. In fact, it may now be considered one of our most important crop plants. It is grown to some extent in all sections, but it is only in the western half of the country that it takes rank as a leading forage crop. In most parts of the west the ordinary alfalfa appears to be well adapted to prevailing conditions, but for localities where drought resistance is important and along our northern border, where ability to stand extremes of cold is essential, it has been found very desirable to secure improved strains.

The species of alfalfa ordinarily grown bears violet colored flowers, and its seed pods are coiled into close spirals. Persia was probably the original home of this species. There is, however, another species of alfalfa growing wild in Siberia and throughout the greater part of Europe which bears yellow flowers and whose seed pods are sickle shaped. The prostrate stems and poor seed bearing qualities of this species are obstacles to its use as a forage plant. It is, however, very drought resistant and is able to stand very low temperature without winter killing.

### Sad Census Days

BALTIMORE, April 25th.—Frederick T. Dorton, supervisor of the census, is being bombarded with a volley of letters in feminine handwriting, in which the writers say they gave a false age to the enumerator and wish to be entered properly in the privacy of Mr. Dorton's offices.

"Do you think I'd tell my real age with everybody in the house standing around in the doorway?" said one woman who called in person. "Not much; I don't tell anybody my age."

Telephone calls without number have been made by women who wish to correct the false age given the enumerator. These have been especially frequent from the fashionable sections of the city.

## GOOD OLD DEMOCRATIC DAYS

"Much has been said recently in Democratic quarters about the "good old Democratic days" that some persons have gone back through the records of the time when the county was practically bankrupt under the administrations of the Democratic Levy Courts. It required several Republican Levy Court administrations to overcome the effect of Democratic deficits and bad financial management of county affairs, and the Republicans certainly have no intention of evading their record of county management and of substantial betterments for the people at large by the recent Levy Courts.

"Take for instance a glance back to the year 1901. In their report to Resident Judge Spruance Charles C. Kurtz and L. Scott Townsend, county auditors, in their report June 30th, 1901, say in part:

"'We could not ascertain the exact amount of claims contracted and unpaid as many of them had not been presented, but we herewith submit a summary of claims which we know were outstanding and unpaid on June 30th, 1901.' They are:

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| Bills and accounts | $40,710 83 |
| Warrants drawn, but not cashed | 27,426 31 |
| Interest on Court House Loan.. | 4,830 00 |
| Court House Loan bond..... | 100 00 |
| Note in Farmers' Bank..... | 10,000 00 |
| Total | $83,067 14 |

"This condition of affairs existed the first six months after the Republican Levy Court was in office.

"From time immemorial the Democrats had control except for two years and the Republicans who served these two years were ousted by the Legislature.

"Continuing the auditors say, 'We have examined the bills and vouchers corresponding with the warrants drawn and we find a great many that are not on file. We also submit a list of warrants drawn to the order of some person or bearer.

"In conclusion, we would state as the result of our audit and investigation of the county's affairs, that the county's financial transactions are loosely and carelessly conducted.'

"In 1902 the same auditors said: 'The county finances are in a very much improved condition as compared to the same time during the previous fiscal years.

"The methods of issuing warrants payable to bearer, so prevalent during previous years, has been practically abolished." This change was made under a Republican administration.

"The 1903 report says: 'In general, the financial affairs of the county are in a good healthy condition. The members of the Levy Court deserve credit for the condition of affairs in their charge. Not only has the reduction in the tax rate been made, but with practically all bills paid that were due the balance in bank June 30th, 1903, was $122,304.70.'

"The 1904 report says: 'The financial affairs of the county are in a good condition. The balance of cash on hand in general fund June 30th, 1904 amounted to $135,-512.75.' This was under Republican rule.

"The 1905 report says: 'The financial affairs of the county are in good condition. The balance June 30, 1905, being $64,-558.24.'

"In 1906 the balance of cash on hand in general fund June 30th, amounted to $18,386.43.

"In 1907 report in the item of receipts and disbursements the report shows an overdraft of $9,279.94. (An editorial in a Democratic organ placed the overdraft at $39,000.)

"It is interesting to notice that the Levy Court that came into power on January, 1901, which succeeded a Democratic Levy Court, found the finances in such a condition it could not pay their own salaries.

**Washington Street Bridge**

"The contract price for the Washington street bridge was $85,000 and $1,200 engineer's fees. Subscriptions amounting to $18,500 were received and $15,000 paid off by the Republicans so that the Democrats found upon taking up the reins of the county $52,000 still due. Then the Democratic Levy Court went to the Legislature and obtained a bill and floated $100,000 to pay off the $52,000. That has been a legacy from the Democrats and the Republican Levy Court has paid off $50,000 of that amount.

"The above figures are official. Mr. Scott was the one that requested a committee of his Levy Court to investigate the Washington street bridge. The Democratic committee performed its work and in its report showed that the bridge debt was $52,000. Then the 'economical Democrats,' who did so much in creating a bonded indebtedness obtained $100,-000, as shown by chapter 565, Vol. 19, Laws of Delaware.

"The Democrats collected under the Adams tax law and the Republicans paid back to the people $21,764.64. That was another legacy paid by the Republicans.

"Bonded indebtedness of the workhouse has nothing to do with the Levy Court. The Levy Court pays 40 cents a day for the keep of each prisoner, thereby indirectly helping to pay off the bonds of the workhouse.

"The Republicans paid off the balance of the Democratic legacies of 1883 and 1893, and still are doing business at the old stand, as $170,000 has been paid off and other obligations will be paid off this year by the Republican Levy Court.

**Good Roads**

"New Castle county is gradually being made a network of good roads. The Republicans spent for good roads as follows:

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|---|---|
| 1902-3 | $ 289.20 |
| 1903-4 | $15,209.12 |
| 1904-5 | $23,177.56 |
| 1905 6 | $25,547.60 |
| 1906-7 | $32,682.69 |
| 1907-8 | $26,706.26 |
| 1908-9 | $50,427.68 |
| | $184,040.11 |

"Taxpayers of New Castle county can see by these figures that the money is being spent for their benefit and still the county has a solid balance to meet current expenses. The Republican Levy Court never has had bother in floating its bonds at 4 and 4½ per cent. at a good premium. On the other hand the Democratic Levy Court sold its bonds at 5 per cent. and the Republican Levy Court now must pay the heavy rate of interest.

"Certainly the Republican administrationhas nothing to fear in an honest and full comparison with the bankruptcy conditions that prevailed under the Democratic Levy Courts.—*Wilmington Evening Journal.*


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## USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

An onion poultice is superior to all others for easing neuralgic or rheumatic pains, sore throats, etc.

When shampooing never rub the soap directly on the hair, as it gums and is almost impossible to rub or rinse off. Always have the soap in some liquid form.

To clean a white straw hat, mix lemon juice with powdered sulphur in a saucer and apply it to the hat with a small brush, then rinse in clean cold water and wipe with a dry cloth. Dry in the shade.

Clean patent leather shoes in this way: After removing all the dirt rub the surface well with a milky rag, then polish it with a dry cloth. This not only gives the leather a bright appearance, but preserves it.

When boiled custard is overcooked it may be brought back to the right consistency if thoroughly beaten with an egg-beater.

A baking powder box with a small hole in the bottom makes a sharp, quick chopper for use when warming over potatoes or vegetables.

The flat taste of boiled water may be removed in the open air.

Meats and fish which spatter when cooking may be seared first and then placed in the oven to finish cooking.

Paper bags, which accumulate so fast, may be put to good use in the kitchen.

When frying doughnuts lay in a paper bag and they will lose much of their greasiness.

After having had the hands in water for a length of time, such as washing clothes, rub them with a little common salt. The result is marvellous, for the hands are at once beautifuly smooth and soft.

Ribboned lettuce makes a pretty nest for an egg salad.

A spoon rest that hooks over the edge of a kettle is ten cents. It saves keeping the spoon in the kettle while cooking.

A warm bath in which a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda has been dissolved has a wonderful effect in quieting the nervous irritation of a teething or otherwise cross child. In nine cases out of ten he will go to sleep as soon as he is dried, and wake up as bright and amiable as one could desire.

Curling fluids are not so necessary just now as they will be later on, but here is an excellent one that can be pasted in your scrap book until summer comes and your locks are straight and stringy: Take one ounce of borax, one dram of gum arabic, one pint of hot water, and two tablespoonfuls of camphor.

The practice of putting dishes in the oven to warm them for the table is a bad one. The dry heat causes the enamel to crack in time, and, then the grease soon penetrates them to their utter ruination. Put the dishes to be heated in a dishpan, and pour boiling water over them. Let them stand and steam until ready to serve the meal, then wipe with a clean, dry towel.

When packing tie in bottle corks well, and put the bottle in the middle of the trunk. If packed in this way it will carry around the world.

When coal is needed on the fire in the sick room, it should be brought into the room in paper bags, which should be laid gently on the fire to prevent noise.

Cold water with but little soap should be used for washing colored silks. If the color runs vinegar should be stirred into the water until the color sets.

A teaspoonful of glycerine added to a gill of glue makes a cement that is a great convenience in the kitchen and is especially good for fastening leather, paper or wood to metal.

A stain remover that has proved successful with fruit and vegetable discolorations is made by adding four drops of carbolic acid to a half pint bottle of glycerine and rosewater.

Powder a little alum and mix with sugar. First put a little sugar in a teaspoon, then sprinkle a little powdered alum over it and cover well with sugar. It has saved a little girl many a time from croup.

To freshen stale cake, dip it for a second in cold milk and then rebake it in a rather cool oven. Stale bread may be treated in the same way.

For polishing brass trimmings such as door knobs and hinges mix equal parts of parrafin and naphtha with enough rotten stone to make stiff paste.

Preserves, jellies and canned fruits should be kept in a dark closet. If the closet has a glass door it should be covered with a dark green shade.

Green soap is the best cleanser for pimples and blackheads, but should be used sparingly and diluted with water or it may irritate the skin.

To perfectly cleanse and sweeten the coffee pot, fill it nearly full of water and add a generous teaspoonful of borax. Let the water come to a boil.

To prevent olives from becoming tainted after the bottle has been opened, pour a little olive oil in on top of them. It will keep them in good condition indefinitely.

If moths get into the carpets, boil a few camphor balls in water, dip a clean broom into the mixture, and sweep the carpet with the dampened broom.

Sandwiches made from rye bread are delicious if cut very thin and spread with a mixture of minced olives, Spanish peppers, cream cheese and a little bit of mayonnaise.

There is nothing better for nails that are inclined to break off or for cuticle that is difficult to manage than to rub on some olive oil or white vaseline several times daily.

Court plaster should never be allowed to completely cover a deep cut. It should be cut into strips and fastened across the wound so that the secretions from it can freely escape.


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## HEIGHT OF WAVES

In the course of a lecture on "Waves in Water" delivered before a meeting of the members of the Royal Geographical Society Dr. Vaughan Cornish said that he had endeavored for many years to obtain exact observations of the actual size attained by waves.

In Lake Geneva his observations showed that the extreme height to which the waves attained was nine feet, the length of the lake being forty-six statute miles; on Lake Superior waves as high as twenty-two and a half feet had been measured with a wave length of 300 feet, though on large enclosed seas, like the Mediterranean, or the still larger semi-enclosed sea, the China Sea, it was not found that the increase in the size of the waves went on so rapidly, though they were a little larger. In the Atlantic Ocean waves about forty-two feet in height frequently recurred during strong gales in any positions not less than 600 nautical miles from the windward shore.

The statement about waves eighty feet or 100 feet high encountered by the modern Atlantic liners related to the altitude of large masses of broken water as they flew aft from the concussion of the vessel's bow with a head sea. The statements of such altitudes were not necessarily an exaggeration, but they related to a different thing from that which they called the height of a wave when they were dealing with a wave as a geographical phenomenon.—Ex.

### THE WATERMELON

The humorists always associate the African with the watermelon, assuming that the taste of the colored man for his favorite dainty arises from his life in the southern states, where the melon vine grows like a weed.

As a fact, however, the African taste for the watermelon is hereditary. The vine is a native of Africa, where it is found wild in the great central plains of the continent, and has also been cultivated for many ages.

In Egypt the melons grown along the Nile rival those of southeastern Missouri. The melons mentioned by the Israelites as being among the good things they had in Egypt were undoubtedly watermelons, for in the wall paintings about the time of the xodus the melon vine is represented, and in one case a long procession of slaves is depicted, each bearing on his shoulder a huge dark green watermelon.

Botanists say that varieties of the melon are found in southern Asia, and some even claim that the plant grows wild in central and South Africa, but Africa is no doubt the original home of the melon, and in his preference over evey other kind of vegetable or fruit the African merely displays a taste that has become fixed in his race by thousands of years of indulgence, for in central Africa ripe watermelons are to be had every month in the year.

### TELEPHONE ETHICS

Do not monopolize a telephone for trifling conversation, particularly if you are on a party line. Some one may want to deliver an important message while you are "just passing the time" talking to a friend.

Do not tell gossip over the telephone or any secret which concerns your friend which she would not want repeated.

Do not listen to the conversations of other persons. Many a woman who would think herself disgraced for life if caught listening at the keyhole will listen to a telephone conversation not intended for her ears.

Do not make a practice of ordering groceries and meats over a telephone. It may be convenient and save a walk to the store, but you will save money by a personal visit and inspection of the display of vegetables and foods, and you will be able to plan more intelligently.

Do not call a business friend during work hours. Your friend will want to be polite, but your telephone call may mean a serious loss of time and sometimes of money. Besides, it is always an annoying interruption to a busy person.

### UNJUST CRITICISM

Perhaps no class of people meet with so much or so severe criticism as teachers. Much of this criticism is unjust and exists solely because parents and others listen to unverified reports and do nothing to acquaint themselves with the real inner workings of the school room. Any person experienced with children knows that these reports, even when absolutely truthful from their point of view, cannot be relied upon. Again, any one who has the training of children, has experienced the surprise that even the best trained children sometimes woefully lapse from their knowledge of good manners and courtesy when away from home and among other children. Some mothers will not tolerate any correction of their children's manners by the teacher, taking it as a direct insult to their home training, when it is but the result of childish heedlessness or selfwill. No greater injury can be done a teacher than to condemn her at home in the presence of pupils. There are many—they usually allude to a teacher as school marm—who persist in believing and encouraging that a school teacher is never to be regarded with other than suspicion.


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